

WOOLY BEARDGRASS

Erianthus giganteus

Located in swamps, low woods and swales from eastern Maryland, south. Variety *compactus* (15 to 25 cm high) as far north as New York and New Jersey.

A coarse grass with bristly stem-nodes; upper edge of sheathes and bases of leaf-blades may be hairy; 1.5 to 3.0 m high. Leaf blades 0.75 to 2.5 cm broad. Flower head broadly lance-shaped to oval, pinkish-brown or purple to bronze or greenish, stalks covered with silky hairs; 20 to 60 cm long and 6 to 15 cm thick; flower heads with longish hairs (beard).



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